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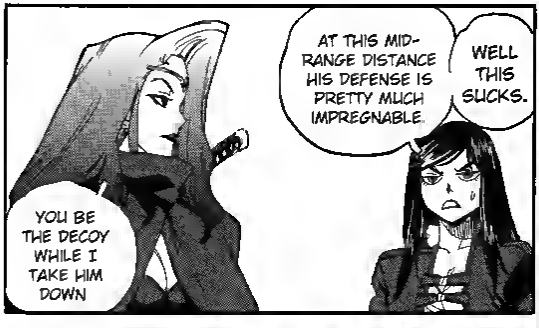
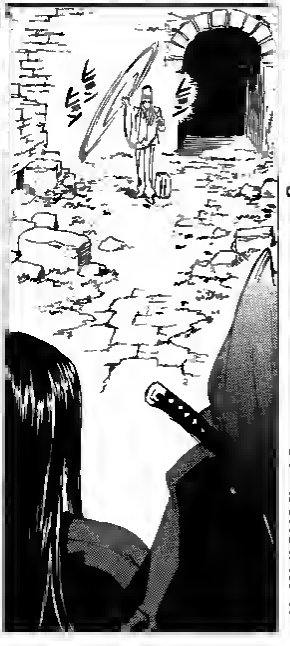
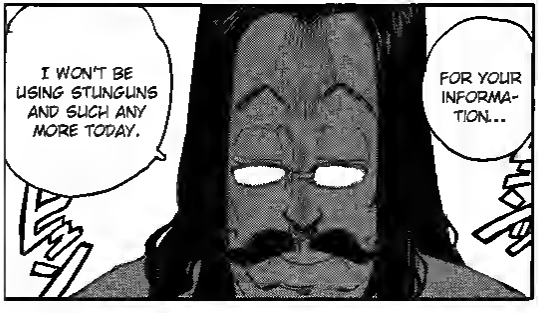
IS THERE NO SKILL THAT WINS OUT OVER EXPERIENCE?!
AN ALL-OUT BRAWL IN THE OLD CASTLE!!

In the midst of fights breaking out all over, the members of a 2-girl team find themselves "boxed in"!!

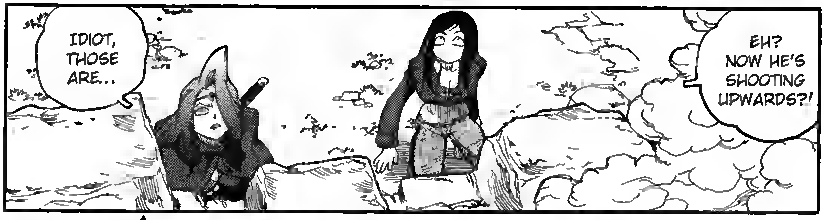






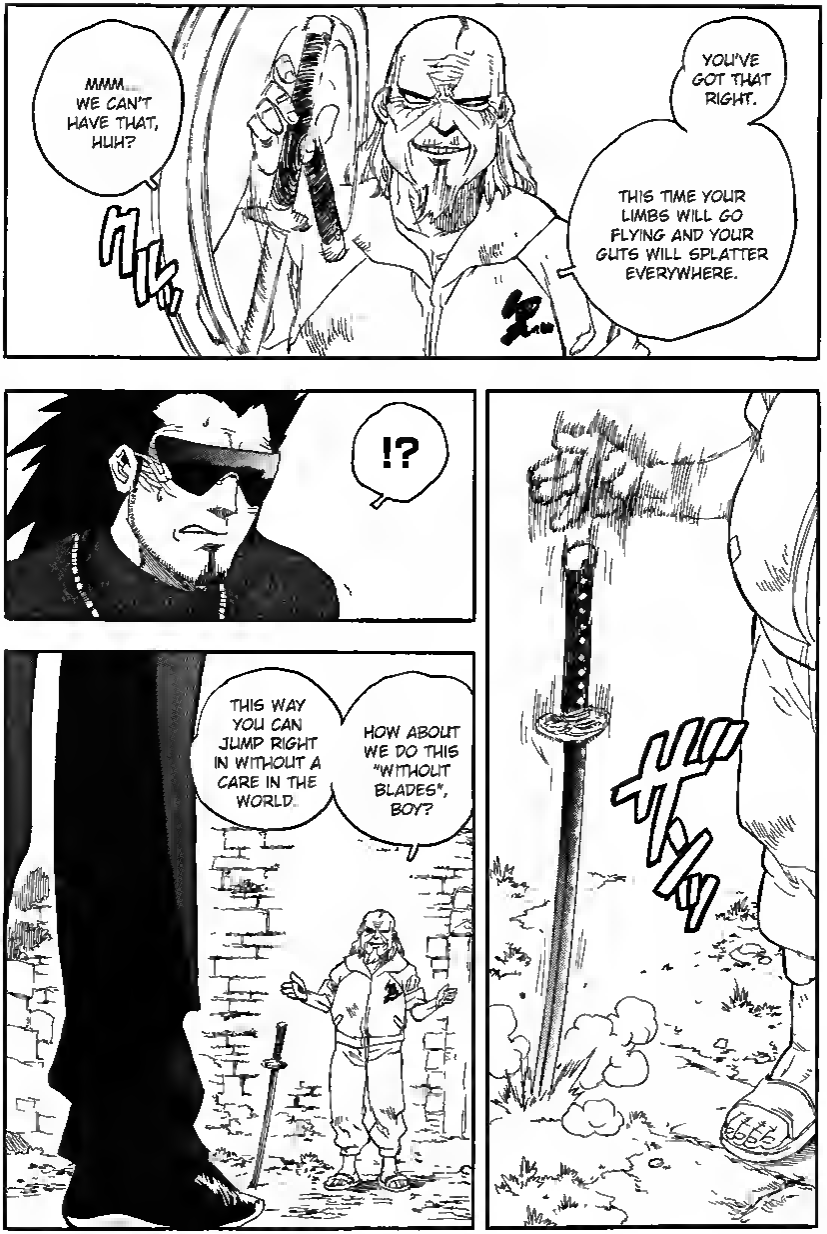
HYAAA?!

NOW WE'RE FUCKED!!
THAT WHIP'S HARDER TO PREDICT THAN A MACHINE GUN!!
GOT ANY IDEAS?!


IDIOT, THOSE ARE...
EH? NOW HE'S SHOOTING UPWARDS?!

HIIII! THEY'RE GETTING PAST OUR COVER!!
GRENADES RAINING DOWN!!

WHAT'S WRONG? COME ON!
IT'S A PAIN FOR OLD MEN TO HAVE TO MOVE AROUND
OH, I'D REALLY LIKE TO GO OVER THERE...
BUT I'D BE UP SHIT CREEK IF AN OPENING DIDN'T PRESENT ITSELF...
IF I APPROACH YOU RIGHT NOW, THE ONLY THING I FORE-SEE IS THE IMAGE OF FLYING BODY PARTS.


MMM... WE CAN'T HAVE THAT, HUH?
YOU'VE GOT THAT RIGHT.
THIS TIME YOUR LIMBS WILL GO FLYING AND YOUR GUTS WILL SPLATTER EVERYWHERE.
!?
THIS WAY YOU CAN JUMP RIGHT IN WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD.
HOW ABOUT WE DO THIS "WITHOUT BLADES", BOY?

YOU'RE STILL CHICKEN, EVEN AFTER MAKING SUCH A CONFESSION?
WELL, THEY SAY DECREPIT OLD GUYS ARE BETTER UNARMED.
NO .. THAT'S JUST...
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
YOU'RE THINKING "AW SHIT HE'S UNARMED SO THIS'LL BE A WALK IN THE PARK"?
DON'T BE SO FULL OF YOURSELF KID
OR IS IT THAT...
LET'S TRY IT YOUR WAY!!
UNDER-STOOD!
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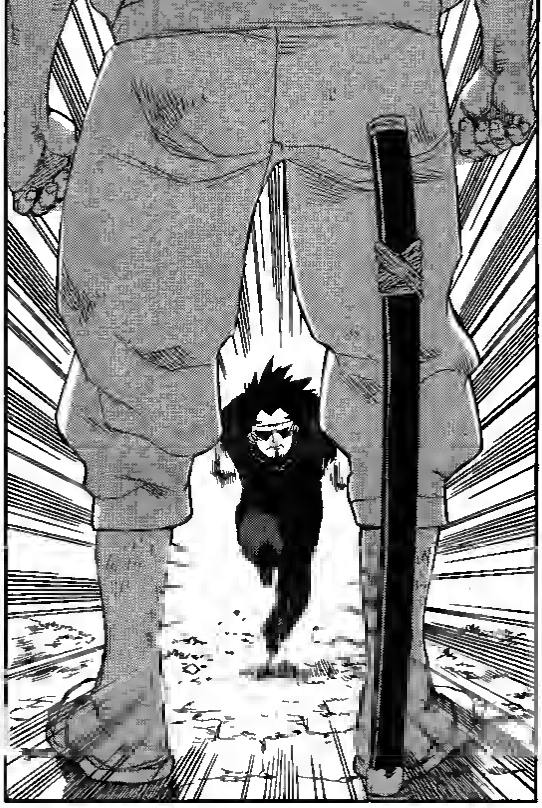

YES, YES, COME ON!
SUCH VIGOR IS THE CORNER-STONE OF YOUTH

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URGH!!
FUU FUU
WHEN DID YOU .. YOU WERE HIDING THE SHEATH BEHIND YOUR LEGS?
F-FOR ME TO... MISS SOMETHING THAT OBVIOUS...
HAHAHA— SORRY KID, BUT I AM A WILY ADULT, AFTER ALL.
GIVEN THAT I BROUGHT A KATANA, THE SHEATH ISN'T SOMETHING YOU'D BE ALL THAT WARY OF.
ISN'T IT BETTER FOR ME TO USE THE SHEATH AND HAVE IT NOT BE AN INSTA-KILL?
THEN AGAIN, I DIDN'T USE THE "BLADE", DID I?

DAMN... WHAT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THE OLD GUY SCARING THE SHIT OUTTA ME...
IS HIM TAKING ME DOWN WITH SUCH A CHILDISH TRICK...!!
GET THIS THROUGH YOUR HEAD. YOUR "READING" IS YOUR SPECIALTY, RIGHT?
THAT'S NO LONGER THE CASE, NOW THAT WE'VE STARTED THIS TRAINING SESSION.
TH-THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD SHOCK ..
THOUGH WITH MY MENTAL READING I WAS FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT THERE WAS A PLAN...
YOUR LOSS AGAINST JOUKYUU
PROBABLY HAD LESS TO DO WITH HIS ARM THAN IT DID WITH YOUR HONESTY IN A BAD SITUATION.
JOUKYUU'S A GUY WHO REALLY LIKES TO SCREW AROUND.

NOW THEN...
I'LL SEE FOR MYSELF
GLIN
THIS "90%"...

WOULD THAT REALLY BE FOR THE BEST?
BUT IF I TOOK OUT THE LEADER JUST LIKE THAT, IT'D ALL BE OVER.
PRESUMING VICTORY? YOU'RE POSITIVELY SENILE.
DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT 90% MEANS?
AH.. I GUESS YOU HEARD ABOUT IT FROM KARASU OVER THERE?
CAN YOU STOP TIME?
THIS "HEAVEN" HAS CARVED THROUGH A THOUSAND YEARS OF TIME...

THE "KATANA" BARELY GRAZED HIM...
UGH!?
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IT'S STATIONARY... AND I CAN'T MOVE IT?!

NO,
IT'S MOVING ...?!
OH HELL! AT THIS RATE...!!

DAMN, ALMOST HAD YA.
I WAS A SPLIT-SECOND TOO SLOW.
FOR A MOMENT THERE, THAT TECHNIQUE MADE THE KATANA "STATIONARY"...!!
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF
THAT WAS CLOSE...
THAT ABILITY MEANS HESITATING FOR A SINGLE MOMENT COULD RESULT IN INSTANT DEATH!
A MOMENT AT "90%"?

HIS LEFT ARM IS ONLY...
HIS LEFT ARM IS "ONLY" AT 90%...
BUT... WHY WAS HE SO SLOW IN TAKING THAT PERFECT OPPORTUNITY?!
COULD IT BE...
AN OPENING I CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF?!
IN THAT MOMENT JUST NOW, HIS LEFT HAND SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN ME...
DID SHE JUST REALIZE THE HOLE A MERE "90%" MIGHT OFFER?
THE USUAL BAG OF TRICKS WON'T WORK ON HER.
OH? GIVING ME THAT LOOK...

THIS SEEMS WORTH TRYING...
AREN'T YOU BASICALLY
A CHEAP-ASS CAR LOADED WITH A HIGH-OUTPUT ENGINE?
IT ISN'T FATAL, BUT IT HASN'T FULLY HEALED YET EITHER?
EVEN SO, I NOTICED YOUR WOUND...
AT THE VERY LEAST CALL ME A BUGATTI VEYRON
REFERRING TO A PERSON AS A CHEAP-ASS CAR IS JUST PLAIN RUDE!
IN BAD NEED OF A TUNE-UP!!
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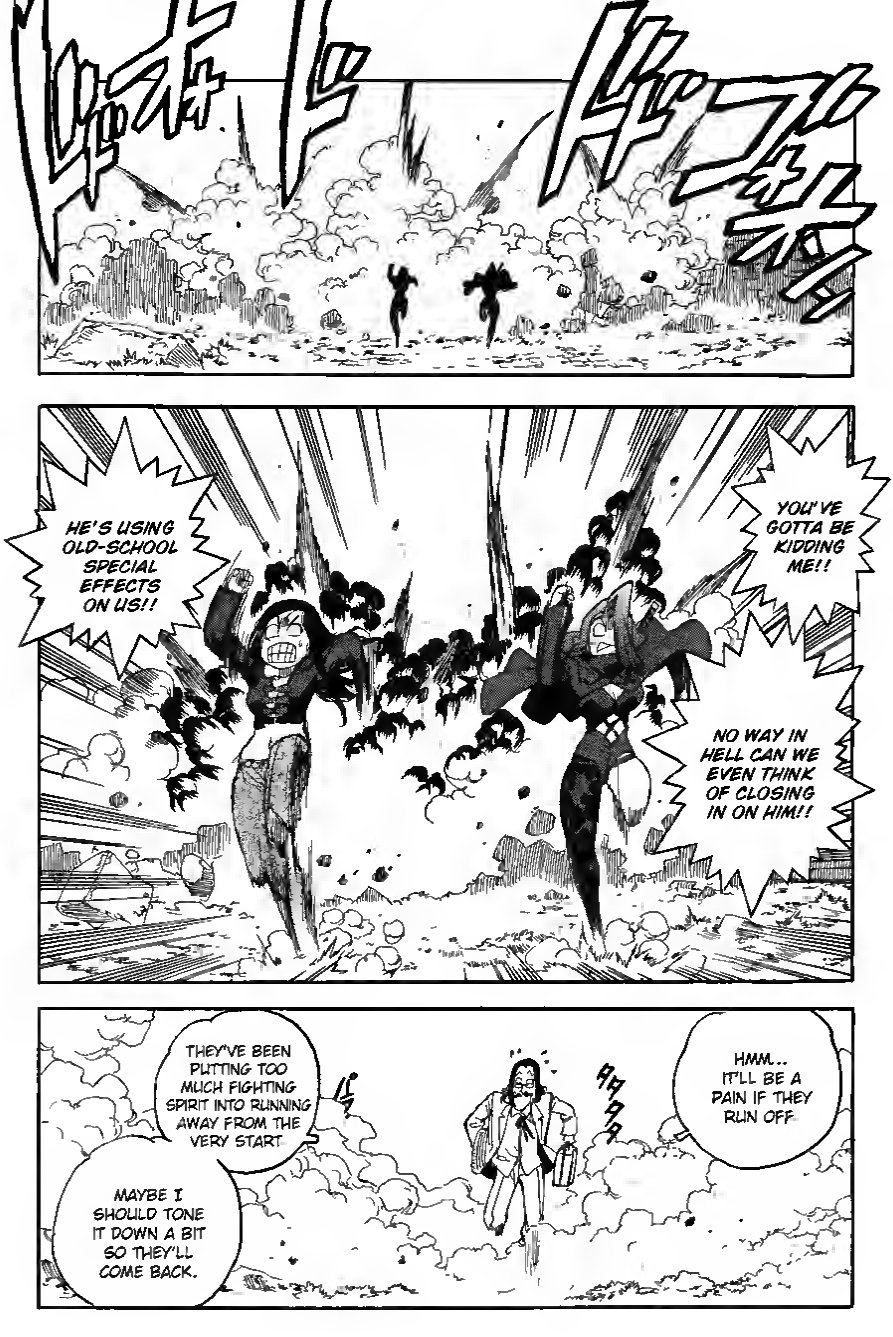
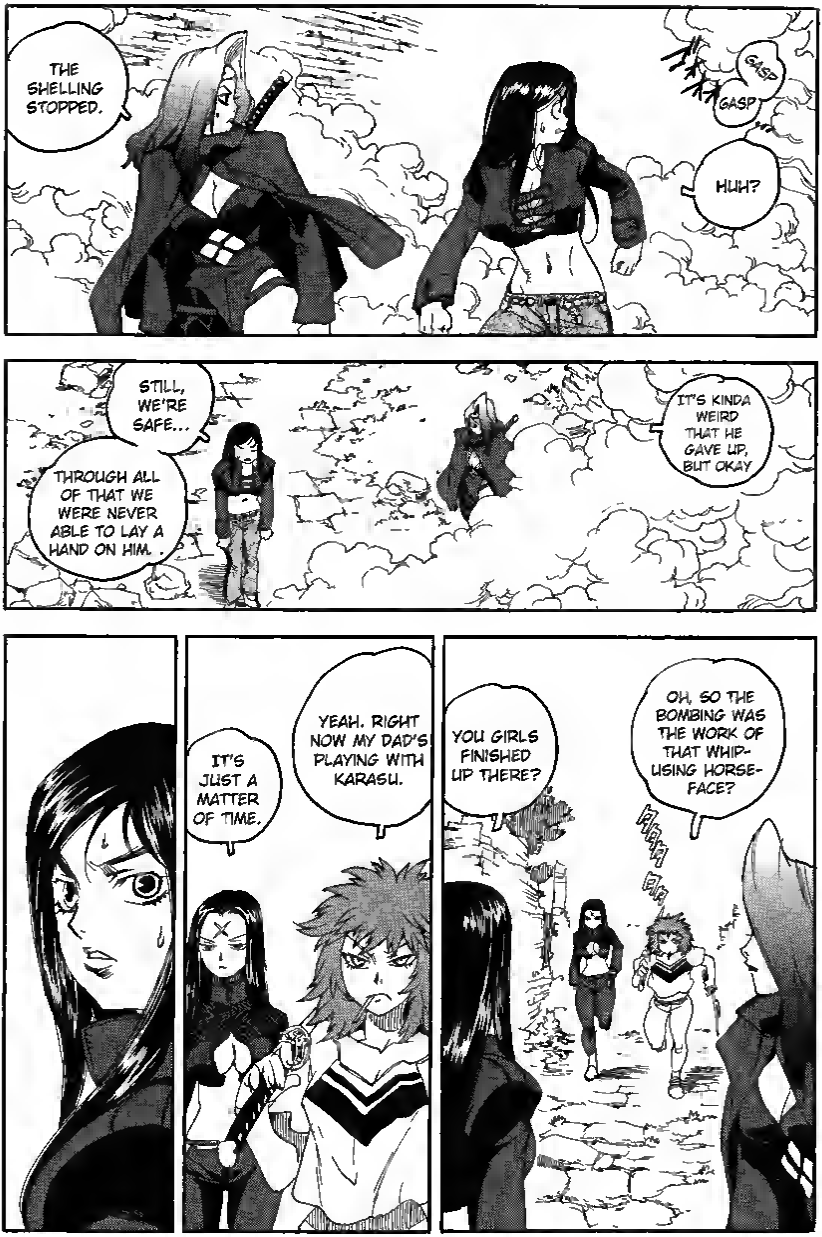

HE'S USING OLD-SCHOOL SPECIAL EFFECTS ON US!!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!!
NO WAY IN HELL CAN WE EVEN THINK OF CLOSING IN ON HIM!!
THEY'VE BEEN PUTTING TOO MUCH FIGHTING SPIRIT INTO RUNNING AWAY FROM THE VERY START.
MAYBE I SHOULD TONE IT DOWN A BIT SO THEY'LL COME BACK.
HMM... IT'LL BE A PAIN IF THEY RUN OFF.

HM?
THAT'S CATACOMB...
IS HE.. FLEEING?
DAMMIT! HE ERECTED A SMOKESCREEN AND RAN OFF!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GET TO HIM WHILE HE'S TOSSING TEAR GAS ALONG THE WHOLE PATH!

NO, WAIT...
IF THOSE GUYS ARE GOING TO BE STUBBORN ABOUT IT, THEN RATHER THAN JUST FIGHT LIKE A GOOD LITTLE SOLDIER...
I SHOULD HURRY UP AND FINISH MY "PREFERRED" TASK...
EVEN BRINGING A GRENADE LAUNCHER...
SHIT! HAND GRENADES ARE GOING TOO FAR.
Hu Hu Hu
IT'S TOO SOON FOR ME TO JUST
BLOW UP THE WHOLE FORTRESS!!

AS I THOUGHT, HE'S ACTING IN A COMPLETELY INAPPROPRIATE MANNER...
I PLANTED A BUG ON HIM TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE.
"...UP THE WHOLE FORTRESS."
I'M WORRIED ABOUT VERONICA-SAMA, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE THE FIGHTING STARTED.


THE SHELLING STOPPED.
GASP
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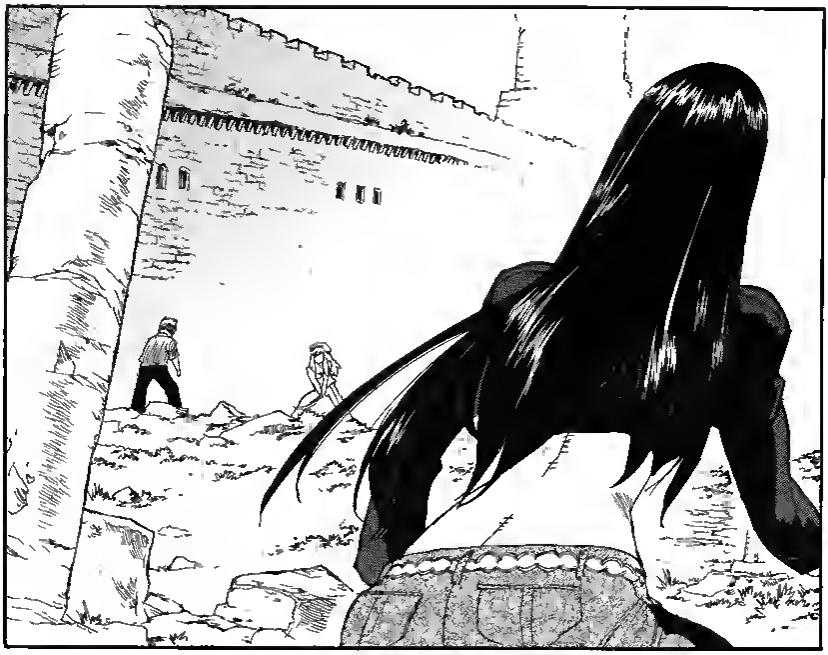
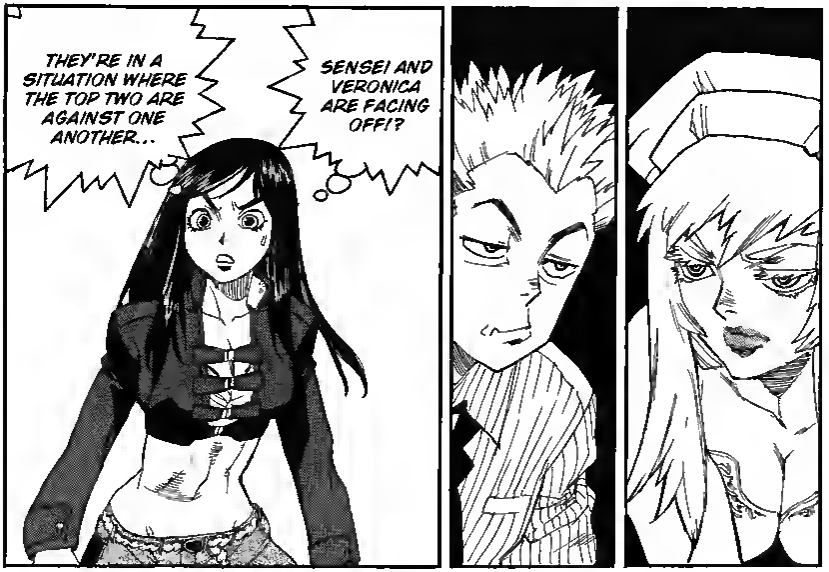
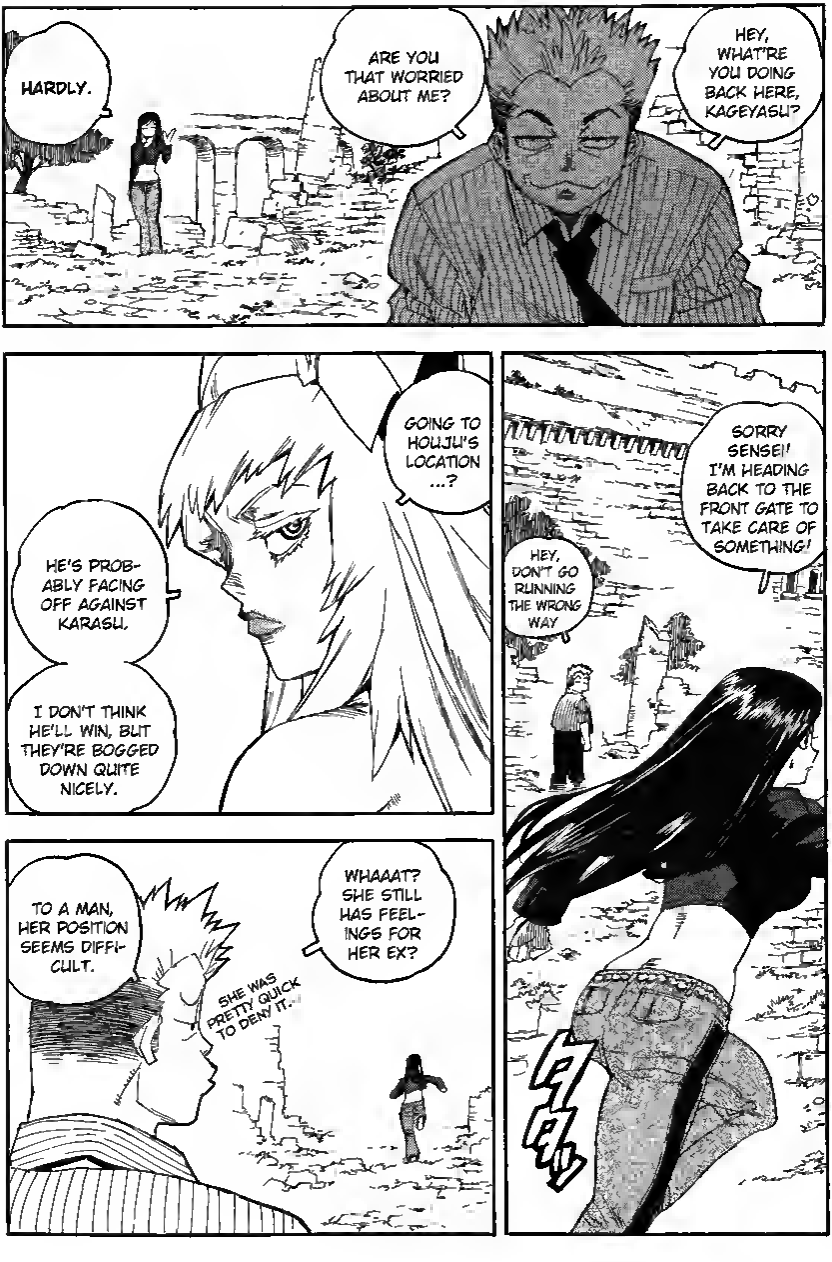
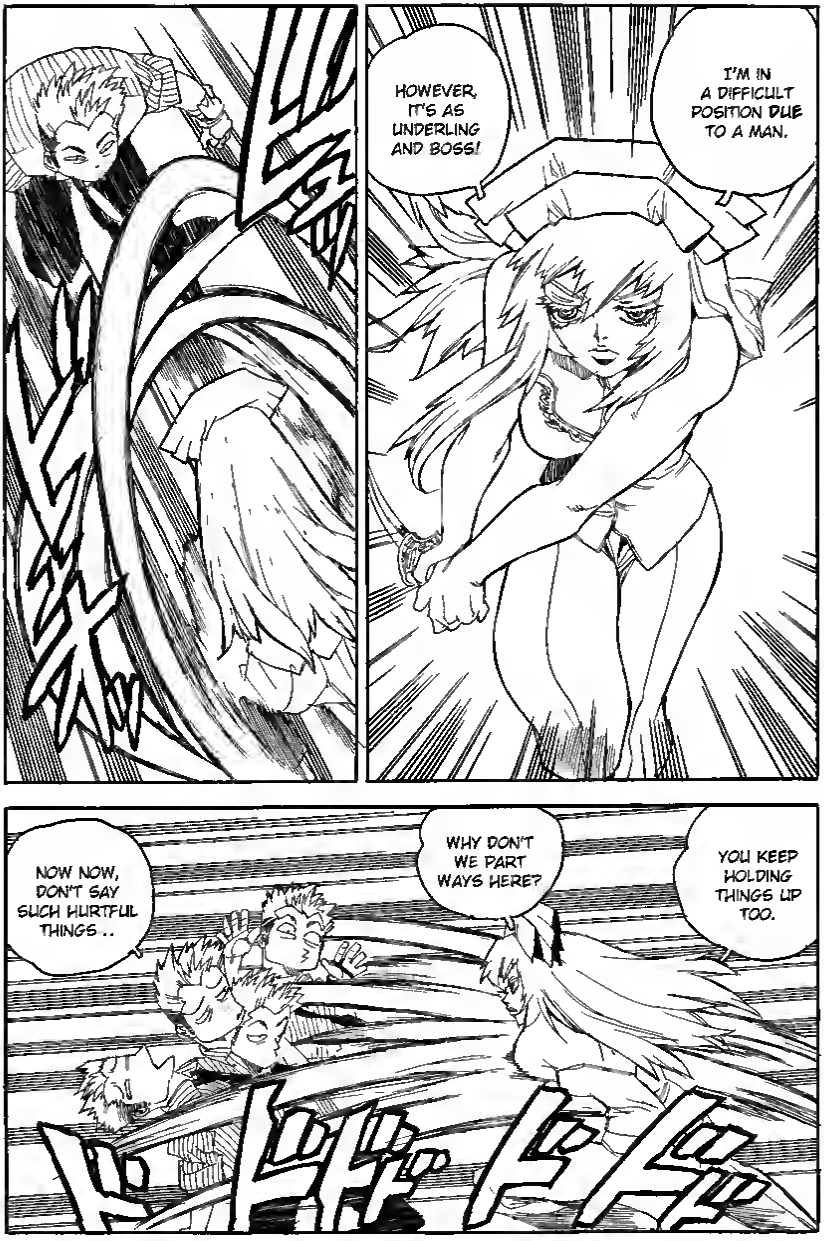
HUH?
STILL, WE'RE SAFE...
THROUGH ALL OF THAT WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO LAY A HAND ON HIM.
IT'S KINDA WEIRD THAT HE GAVE UP, BUT OKAY
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME.
YEAH. RIGHT NOW MY DAD'S PLAYING WITH KARASU.
YOU GIRLS FINISHED UP THERE?
OH, SO THE BOMBING WAS THE WORK OF THAT WHIP-USING HORSE-FACE?
BAM! BAM!

EH?! LIKE AN EX-BOYFRIEND?!
MMM, YEAH.
DOES THAT GIRL KNOW KARASU?
I WONDER IF FATHER WILL EVEN LET HER LIVE!
EH? HEY!
SORRY! I'M GOING BACK FOR A MINUTE!
DAD MIGHT KILL YOU IF YOU GO BACK THERE.
HUP HUP HUP
BUT... HOW CAN I STOP THEM AT THIS POINT...?
IF SOMEONE I KNOW DIES, IT'LL LEAVE A BAD TASTE IN MY MOUTH...
DAMN THAT IDIOT...!
HE CAN'T POSSIBLY BEAT THE OLD MAN RIGHT NOW!!




THEY'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE THE TOP TWO ARE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER...
SENSEI AND VERONICA ARE FACING OFF!?


HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING BACK HERE, KAGEYASU?
ARE YOU THAT WORRIED ABOUT ME?
HARDLY.
SORRY SENSEI! I'M HEADING BACK TO THE FRONT GATE TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING!
HEY, DON'T GO RUNNING THE WRONG WAY
GOING TO HOUJU'S LOCATION ...?
HE'S PROBABLY FACING OFF AGAINST KARASU.
I DON'T THINK HE'LL WIN, BUT THEY'RE BOGGED DOWN QUITE NICELY.
WHAAAT? SHE STILL HAS FEELINGS FOR HER EX?
TO A MAN, HER POSITION SEEMS DIFFICULT.
SHE WAS PRETTY QUICK TO DENY IT.


I'M IN A DIFFICULT POSITION DUE TO A MAN.
HOWEVER, IT'S AS UNDERLING AND BOSS!
YOU KEEP HOLDING THINGS UP TOO.
WHY DON'T WE PART WAYS HERE?
NOW NOW, DON'T SAY SUCH HURTFUL THINGS ..

TRY AND STOP IT ONE MORE TIME!!
WHOA!

The means of his "momentary 90%" have been exposed!!
Now, his wound not healed, Joukyuu's hand has been hit and...?

IT WORKED...!!
RATTLE
HE CAN'T STOP THE KATANA!!
ONLY YOUR LEFT ARM IS AT 90%...
IT'S ALL TINGLY...
AWW, THE SECRET'S OUT?
SO, IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?